

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Michael HOURN; Rodrigo VENTURA;
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ATTN: PCT

Serial No:

Filed :

For : METHOD FOR TREATING PRECIOUS
METAL BEARING MINERALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-noted application in the
following manner:

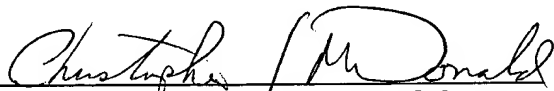
In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up set
of claims and the replacement sheets of claims.

REMARKS

The claims have been changed to place the application
in conformance with U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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